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1. CONSULATE GENERAL BELIEVES LOCAL ESSO OFFER SUFFICIENTLY
FIRM AND BINDING ENOUGH TO MEET CHAIN'S REQUIREMENTS. AUTH-
ORIZATION FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT NOT REQUIRED FROM ESSO N.Y.
SAME TRANSACTION WILL BE TREATED AS LOCAL SALE. ACCOUNT WILL
BE SETTLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN ESSO AND WOODS HOLE AT PREVAILING
PRICES QUOTED IN RAND FOR EACH SALE. FOR THIS PURPOSE MR.
OTTO REQUESTS EITHER CONTRACT NUMBER OR ESSO MARINE CREDIT
CARD NUMBER NORMALLY
USED BY CHAIN IN OBTAINING ESSO FUEL.

2. FOREGOING CONCLUSION AND INFORMATION BASED ON ECON
OFFICER'S TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WITH MR. OTTO, WHO EXPLAINED
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HE HAD BEEN UNABLE PROVIDE DR. EDWARDS DELIVERY COMMITMENT IN

ARITING FOR LOCAL SALE SINCE HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THERE WOULD BE NO DETERIORATION IN PRESENT SITUATION. BARRING ONLY

EXTREME AND UNFORESEEN CHANGE IN SUPPLY AND CONTROL SITUATION HOWEVER HE ANTICIPATED NO RPT NO DIFFICULTY IN MEETING FURTHER CHAIN REQUIREMENTS FROM INDUSTRIAL FUEL STOCKS. QUANTITIES INVOLVED WERE SMALL AND WELL SPACED AND HE EXPECTS PROVIDE SAME SERVICE TO ROBERT E. CONRAD, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIP, ALSO OPERATING OUT OF CAPE TOWN (PRETORIA 25). OTTO ALSO SAID ESSO'S 10 YEAR HISTORY OF SUPPLYING WOODS HOLE IS ADDITIONAL FACTOR AND PUTS CHAIN IN PREFERRED CATEGORY OF REGULAR CUSTOMER GENERALLY ENTITLED TO OBTAIN ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS. FYI: MR. OTTO DESCRIBED N.Y. ATTITUDE AS "HIGH-HANDED". END FYI.

3. ECON OFFICER OBTAINED SIMILAR BUT CONSIDERABLY LESS PRECISE ASSURANCES DURING VISIT TO JOHN RENNIE - SON, CHAIN'S AGENT, BEFORE TALKING TO MR. OTTO. ACCORDING TO ACTING GENERAL MANAGER FOR SHIPS, MR. BERNARDO, RENNIE'S WILL CONFIRM SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING FUEL, TO CHAIN 2-3 DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED ARRIVALS CAPE TOWN.

4. IN ABSENCE ANY UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT CONSULATE GENERAL DOES NOT ANTICIPATE NEED FOR FURTHER RECOURSE TO SMAFVVZCZ

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